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SUBJECT: LOS: BRITISH DEMARCHE ON REVENUE SHARING ON
CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 METERS

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COOPER ON INSTRUCTIONS MARCH 31 TO
URGE THE US GOVERNMENT NOT TO REVIVE A 1970 PROPOSAL FOR
THE CREATION OF A TRUSTEESHIP AREA BETWEEN THE 200 METER
ISOBATH AND THE EDGE OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN IN WHICH
THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF REVENUE SHARING
BETWEEN THE COASTAL STATE AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY. THE
UNDER SECRETARY HAD DISCUSSED THIS CONCEPT WITH THE
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FOREIGN SECRETARY ON MARCH 10 DURING PRIME MINISTER
CALLAGHAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. AMBASSADOR RAMSBOTHAM SAID HMG BELIEVED THE TRUSTEESHIP
PROPOSAL COULD HAVE A DISRUPTIVE EFFECT ON THE LOS
CONFERENCE. HE ALSO STATED THAT IT WOULD HAVE VERY ADVERSE
EFFECTS ON THE UK SINCE IT WOULD INVOLVE RENOUNCING

SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER LARGE AREAS OF ITS SHELF WHERE THERE ARE LARGE RESERVES OF OIL. THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED THE UK'S WILLINGNESS TO SHARE REVENUES FROM THE AREA OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WHERE IT EXTENDS BEYOND 200 MILES.

3. THE UNDER SECRETARY STRESSED THAT HE HAD NOT PUT FORWARD A U.S. GOVERNMENT POSITION WHEN HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY; THE U.S. HAD NO PRESIDENTIALLY SANCTIONED POSITION ON THE ISSUE AT THIS TIME. HE HAD RAISED IT IN A SPIRIT OF FRANK CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH. ELABORATING ON THE CONCEPT, THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS A POSSIBLE WAY OF GIVING MEANING TO THE CONCEPT OF GLOBAL COMMUNITY. IT WAS THUS A LONG TERM VIEW OF THE KIND OF APPROACH TO SHARING WITHIN THE WORLD COMMUNITY WE MIGHT WISH TO SEE IN 50 YEARS. IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE RICH COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE STATES OF THE PERSIAN GULF WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP SOURCES OF POTENTIAL WEALTH, BUT IT WAS A POSITIVE WAY TO RESPOND SERIOUSLY TO THE DISTRIBUTIVE CLAIMS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

4. TEXT OF THE BRITISH NOTE AND MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BEING POUCHED.
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